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REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-5 and 29-36 are presented for examination. By entry of the above amendments, 6-28 are cancelled. New Claims 29-36 have been added as set forth above.

Election and Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention set forth in Group I, Claims 1-5 and new dependent Claims 29-36, in this application. Applicants submit that Claim 1 is a linking claim, which links the claims of Groups II and III. The provisional election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of linking Claim 1, the restriction between the claims of Group II and Group III shall be withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims and subject matter in divisional applications under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 121.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds any remaining issues that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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